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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent pad for men comprising: a liquid permeable top sheet; a back sheet; an absorbent member arranged between the top sheet and the back sheet; and a pair of liquid impermeable gather sheets facing each other on said top sheet, wherein
 - a liquid permeable auxiliary sheet is provided to cover said top sheet and extend from a side of one of said gather sheets toward the other one of said gather sheets between said top sheet and said gather sheets, the auxiliary sheet is formed so that an extension side portion of the auxiliary sheet stands upright on a wearer's side, and an opening for inserting male genitals is formed by the standing extension portion of the auxiliary sheet and said other gather sheet.
2. (Original) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 1, wherein said auxiliary sheet is provided integrally with said top sheet.
3. (Original) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 1, wherein said auxiliary sheet is provided separately from said top sheet.
4. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~-3, wherein
said back sheet is liquid impermeable.

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5. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~-3, wherein

said back sheet is liquid permeable.

6. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~-5, wherein

the absorbent member is a rectangle with corners notched.

7. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~-6, wherein

an elastic member is provided on a tip end of said auxiliary sheet.

8. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~-7, wherein

the opening formed by a tip end of said auxiliary sheet and a tip end of said other gather sheet is unevenly distributed toward one of said gather sheets.

9. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~-8, wherein

the tip end of said other gather sheet and the tip end of said auxiliary sheet are generally at the same position.

10. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~-9, wherein

the tip end of said one gather sheet and the tip end of said auxiliary sheet are generally at the same position.

11. (Currently Amended) An absorbent pad for men comprising: a liquid permeable top sheet; a back sheet; an absorbent member arranged between the top sheet and the back sheet; and a pair of liquid impermeable gather sheets arranged on said top sheet and facing each other, an insertion opening for inserting male genitals being formed between portions of said pair of liquid impermeable gather sheets which portions face each other; wherein

a urination pocket is formed to have a folded end open by folding back the absorbent pad for men with said top sheet located inside in a state in which the absorbent pad for men is a product, and a liquid passage portion is provided by separating said gather sheets from the top sheet in a folded valley portion of the urination pocket.

12. (Original) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 11, comprising: a liquid impermeable first gather sheet located at least partially on said top sheet; and a liquid impermeable second gather sheet located at least partially on said top sheet, wherein

an opening for inserting the male genitals is formed by said first gather sheet and said second gather sheet.

13. (Original) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 12, wherein
a urination pocket is formed by folding back said absorbent pad for men along a tip end direction of said first gather sheet and said second gather sheet with said top sheet located inside, and a liquid passage portion is provided by providing a gap between said top sheet and said second gather sheet.

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14. (Currently Amended) An absorbent pad for men comprising: a liquid permeable top sheet; a back sheet, an absorbent member arranged between the top sheet and the back sheet; and a pair of liquid impermeable gather sheets arranged on said top sheet and facing each other, an insertion opening for inserting male genitals being formed between portions of said pair of liquid impermeable gather sheets which portions face each other, wherein

a urination pocket is formed by folding back the absorbent pad for men with said top sheet located inside, a liquid impermeable auxiliary gather sheet is provided to cover said top sheet on said folded side, and an elastic force is applied so that a side toward a valley portion of said folding of the auxiliary sheet is separated from said top sheet.

15. (Original) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 14, comprising:
a liquid impermeable first gather sheet located at least partially on said top sheet; and a liquid impermeable second gather sheet located at least partially on said top sheet, wherein

an opening for inserting the male genitals is formed by said first gather sheet and said second gather sheet.

16. (Original) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 15, wherein
a urination pocket is formed by folding back said absorbent pad for men along a tip end direction of said first gather sheet and said second gather sheet with said top sheet located inside, and a liquid impermeable auxiliary gather sheet for preventing the leakage of urine staying in the urination pocket is provided on said top sheet on a folded side.

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17. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 15-~~or 16~~, wherein

said second gather sheet is formed along a part of said urination pocket.

18. (Original) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 14, comprising:
a liquid impermeable first gather sheet located at least partially on said top sheet; and a liquid impermeable second gather sheet located at least partially on said top sheet, wherein

an opening for inserting the male genitals is formed by said first gather sheet and said second gather sheet.

19. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 18, wherein

a urination pocket is formed by folding back said absorbent pad for men along a tip end direction of said first gather sheet and said second gather sheet with said top sheet located inside, and a liquid impermeable auxiliary gather sheet for preventing the leakage of the urine staying in the urination pocket is provided on said top sheet on the folded side.

20. (Original) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 19, wherein
said second gather sheet is provided integrally with said top sheet.

21. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims 11-~~to~~-20, wherein

said back sheet is liquid impermeable.

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22. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~11-to-20~~, wherein

said back sheet is liquid permeable.

23. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~11-to-22~~, wherein

said opening formed by a tip end of said first gather sheet and a tip end of said second gather sheet is unevenly distributed toward said first gather sheet.

24. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~11-to-23~~, wherein

the tip end of said first gather sheet and the tip end of said second gather sheet are generally at the same position.

25. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~11-to-23~~, wherein

the tip end of said first gather sheet and the tip end of said second sheet are overlapped with each other.

26. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~11-to-25~~, wherein

said folded portion within said urination pocket is not overlapped with the opening for inserting the male genitals.

27. (Currently Amended) An absorbent pad for men configured so that a back sheet, an absorbent member, and a liquid permeable top sheet are superimposed from

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below in this order, peripheral edges of said back sheet are bonded to peripheral edges of said top sheet to form bonded portions, respectively, a gather sheet having an opening is provided on said top sheet, and so that male genitals are inserted from the insertion opening of the gather sheet and held by the absorbent pad for men, wherein

a liquid impermeable first gather sheet is provided from one end out of front and rear end of said top sheet in a longitudinal direction toward a central portion of the top sheet, a second gather sheet, a second gather sheet is formed by angle-folding said top sheet from a direction of the other end toward the central portion,

said insertion opening is formed to be opened when in use to overlap tip ends of the first gather sheet and the second gather sheet with each other so as to be able to insert the male genitals therefrom,

a water-repellent strip is provided at a position on each side of said absorbent member in the longitudinal direction of said top sheet, and

said other end side of said absorbent pad for men is folded back in said longitudinal direction to be further bonded to said bonded portions on both sides in said longitudinal direction together with said second gather sheet, a bag-like pocket having the both sides of a product in the longitudinal direction bonded being formed.

28. (Currently Amended) An absorbent pad for men configured so that a back sheet, an absorbent member, and a liquid permeable top sheet are superimposed from below in this order, peripheral edges of said back sheet are bonded to peripheral edges of said top sheet to form bonded portions, respectively, a gather sheet having an opening is provided on said top sheet, and so that male genitals are inserted from the opening of the gather sheet and held by the absorbent pad for men, wherein

a liquid impermeable first gather sheet is provided from one end out of front and rear end of said top sheet in a longitudinal direction toward a central portion of the

top sheet, and a second gather sheet extending from a direction of the other end toward the central portion of the top sheet is provided on said top sheet, and said insertion opening is formed to be opened when in use to overlap tip ends of the first gather sheet and the second gather sheet with each other so as to be able to insert the male genitals therefrom,

a water-repellent strip is provided at a position on each side of said absorbent member in the longitudinal direction of said top sheet, and

said other end side of said absorbent pad for men is folded back in said longitudinal direction to be further bonded to said bonded portions on both sides in said longitudinal direction together with, a bag-like pocket having the both sides of a product in the longitudinal direction bonded being formed.

29. (Currently Amended) An absorbent pad for men configured so that a back sheet, an absorbent member, and a liquid permeable top sheet are superimposed from below in this order, a liquid impermeable water-repellent sheet is provided to cover both sides of said absorbent member in a longitudinal direction and outer peripheral edges of said back sheet are bonded to peripheral edges of said water-repellent sheet to form bonded portions, respectively, a gather sheet having an opening is provided on said top sheet, and so that male genitals are inserted from the opening of the gather sheet and held by the absorbent pad for men, wherein

a liquid impermeable first gather sheet is provided from one end out of front and rear end of said top sheet in a longitudinal direction toward a central portion of the top sheet, and a second gather sheet is formed by angle-folding said top sheet from a direction of the other end toward the central portion,

said opening is formed to be opened when in use to overlap tip ends of the first gather sheet and the second gather sheet with each other so as to be able to insert the male genitals therefrom, and

said other end side of said absorbent pad for men is folded back in said longitudinal direction to be further bonded to said bonded portions on both sides in said longitudinal direction together with said first gather sheet and said second gather sheet, a bag-like pocket having both sides of a product in the longitudinal direction bonded being formed.

30. (Currently Amended) An absorbent pad for men configured so that a back sheet, an absorbent member, and a liquid permeable top sheet are superimposed from below in this order, a liquid impermeable water-repellent sheet is provided to cover both sides of said absorbent member and outer peripheral edges of said back sheet are bonded to peripheral edges of said water-repellent sheet to form bonded portions, respectively, a gather sheet having an opening is provided on said top sheet, and so that male genitals are inserted from the opening of the gather sheet and held by the absorbent pad for men, wherein

a liquid impermeable first gather sheet is provided from one end out of front and rear end of said top sheet in a longitudinal direction toward a central portion of the top sheet, a second gather sheet extending from a direction of the other end toward the central portion of the top sheet in the longitudinal direction is provided on said top sheet, and said opening is formed to be opened when in use to overlap tip ends of the first gather sheet and the second gather sheet with each other so as to be able to insert the male genitals therefrom, and

said other end side of said absorbent pad for men is folded back in said longitudinal direction to be further bonded to said bonded portions on both sides in

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said longitudinal direction together with said first gather sheet and said second gather sheet, a bag-like pocket having both sides of a product in the longitudinal direction bonded being formed.

31. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 27-~~or 28~~, wherein

said water-repellent strip is a water-repellent sheet.

32. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 27-~~or 28~~, wherein

said water-repellent strip is formed by subjecting said top sheet to water repellent finishing.

33. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 28-~~or 30~~, wherein

said second gather sheet extends from a direction of the other end out of the front and rear ends of said top sheet toward the central direction of the top sheet.

34. (Original) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 33, wherein
a liquid passage portion is provided by providing a gap between said top sheet and said gather sheet in a portion in which said absorbent pad for men is folded in said longitudinal direction.

35. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims 27-~~to~~-34, wherein

said back sheet is liquid impermeable.

36. (Currently Amended) The absorbent pad for men according to ~~any one of~~ claims 27 to 34, wherein
said back sheet is liquid permeable.
37. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 14, wherein
said back sheet is liquid impermeable.
38. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 14, wherein
said back sheet is liquid permeable.
39. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 14, wherein
said opening formed by a tip end of said first gather sheet and a tip end of said
second gather sheet is unevenly distributed toward said first gather sheet.
40. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 14, wherein
the tip end of said first gather sheet and the tip end of said second gather sheet
are generally at the same position.
41. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 14, wherein
the tip end of said first gather sheet and the tip end of said second sheet are
overlapped with each other.
42. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 14, wherein
said folded portion within said urination pocket is not overlapped with the
opening for inserting the male genitals.

43. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 28, wherein said water-repellent strip is a water-repellent sheet.
44. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 28, wherein said water-repellent strip is formed by subjecting said top sheet to water repellent finishing.
45. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 30, wherein said second gather sheet extends from a direction of the other end out of the front and rear ends of said top sheet toward the central direction of the top sheet.
46. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 28, wherein said back sheet is liquid impermeable.
47. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 29, wherein said back sheet is liquid impermeable.
48. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 30, wherein said back sheet is liquid impermeable.
49. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 28, wherein said back sheet is liquid permeable.
50. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 29, wherein said back sheet is liquid permeable.

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51. (New) The absorbent pad for men according to claim 30, wherein
said back sheet is liquid permeable.